

THE DAILY
SHORT STORY

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He felt as if all the blood in his slim young body were running in his ears. "You mean that you don't love me any more?" she found voice to question.

"I didn't say that," he defended sternly. "What I did say was that I think it would be better to postpone the wedding for a few months."

She nervously jerked his ring from her finger with a cold little hand that snook no harder than her heart. "I hate you," she said stormily. She tossed his ring on a little table that stood between them.

"Think it over, Anne," he said, ignoring the glistening circle that he had slipped on her quivering finger one enchanted night. He picked up his hat to go. "I'll be back in a day or two when we have had time intelligently to thing the matter over and your anger has cooled."

"If it ever could!" she ejaculated. "I never want to see you again as long as I live."

She ran up the steps, her sharp little heels clicking ominously on the polished stairs.

Bob Raymond shook his head and opened and closed the door with a hand that was not quite steady. He lingered for a moment, then, head up, walked briskly down the scrubbed driveway.

Upstairs, prone on her dimly covered bed, lay a huddled little figure, choking back dry sobs.

When at last the tears came, warm and merciful, they seemed to submerge her intolerably aching heart until it grew numb, insensate to the waves of pain that rolled through her tortured body. Bob had killed her. She would never be able to hold up her head again.

Everybody would talk even when she was a placid, sour old maid, people would remember and tell their children and their children's children all about her humiliating experience.

Suddenly her wandering thoughts focused into a resolution. She would not tell anybody about this for two days. At the end of that time, she would have assembled a fashionable crowd of friends and announce that it was impossible for her to marry Bob.

But she was going away and that they would hear from her again soon. She would draw enough money out of the bank to go away—to work somewhere. Of course, she did not know how to do a thing in the world but girls in stories frequently went away from home and made great successes in business. What had been done could be done. Bob would be left to answer all embarrassing questions.

Accordingly she appeared at the luncheon table in such light spirits that her family grew suspicious.

"Bob must have brought good news this morning when he came over here so early," said her mother curiously.

Anne's heart missed a beat at that. "Bob always brings good news," she said, and tried to make it sound as if she meant it. And the news he brought had broken her heart!

There was a tennis tournament on that afternoon at the Country Club. Bob was one of the star players. So Anne opened her closet door and took from its shrouding one of the handsomest of her new trousseau, a gown of flimsy white organdie. With it she wore a wide brimmed, drooping white georgette hat that made her look sixteen instead of twenty-two.

To her inquiring mother she explained that so many visitors were expected at the club that day, she had decided to wear something especially pretty.

Out to the court went Anne, her pretty face glowing and dimpling under a four-cornered rose-colored parasol that made a distracting bit of beauty against the green grass.

She was with a crowd of girls who were to have been her bridesmaids, and when by chance they encountered Bob with an out-of-town man Anne was so much the engaged girl that nobody could have suspected the truth about that distressing scene that had been staged only that morning.

Introductions over, the out-of-town man eagerly took the parasol from her hand. Passing on with him, she looked over her shoulder to say to the bewildered white duck and battered white hat, "I am sure that you will win the match. Don't get over-heated, Bob, dear!" She took care that only Bob saw the little blue name that danced in her mocking eyes.

Then the match was on in which Bob was to play, and although he had been in fine form only the afternoon before, he made a poor showing and after a few minutes play, even his devoted admirers conceded that a prospective bridegroom was in no condition to uphold the honor of his local men. Five minutes after he had run out on the smoothly rolled court, the rose parasol had disappeared from sight.

Anne had believed herself so brave, she had been so feverishly certain that she could see the stage-thing that had come to her through without the flicker of a blush, but she had gambled without knowledge of that sensitive, all-seeing little organ of the heart.

The sight of Bob doing the usual thing in the usual way, with no sign of the corroding acid of suggestion that they postpone the wedding eating at the root of her earthly happiness, had been enough for her.

Anne stepped into her car and ordered the chauffeur to drive to the wonder house that she and Bob had built and had just finished furnishing, in readiness for that day when he would lift her happily and carry her into the place that was to be their home forever.

She opened the front door and looked it quickly behind her. She stared in astonishment. Everywhere—on tables, tabourets, bookshelves and in the wide window sills—there were flowers, her favorite. She tossed off the expensive gown with no care for its perishable quality and ran from room to room looking at everything.

A hand, cold and clammy as ice, twisted its chilling fingers about her heart. Bob loved her else! That was it. He was to marry suddenly and she was to be left there, to the home of Anne Tyler, had stamped her own vivid personality.

She climbed the stairs slowly,

No, It's Not Negligee—
It's Afternoon CostumeBy CORA MOORE,
New York's Fashion Authority

NEW YORK, July 22.—To the untutored eye this may appear to be a glorified negligee. No so—instead it is a three-piece costume designed for afternoon and evening wear. Grinager made it and gave it a name. The "Garden of Dreams" it is called, and introduces the charming idea of stenciling as a decorative medium for gowns.

The coat is a separate garment and could be worn over any other

light frock of plain material. The skirt of cream georgette has a nine-inch footband of horizon blue chiffon with a stenciled design of full-blown roses and their leaves just above it. The bodice with its long flowing sleeves of georgette and its square cut neck is attached to it underneath a narrow belt with a stenciled decoration.

Then the coat is fashioned on kimono lines and made to assume a staid sort of carelessness, with shorter sleeves and a loosely tied string-belt.

Like a woman from whose limbs age has taken the light buoyancy of youth. She paused at the doorway of the room she and Bob had selected for their own.

"So you do care, after all? Oh, Anne, I love you so. I hoped that you would come here—I knew that if you did—"

Bob was there, beside her, his arms holding her close. All her fine resolution melted at his touch.

"How could you—how could you be so cruel—"

Then he told her, his heart hammering a comforting, confirming refrain under her tear-drenched cheek. "You know, Anne, you've been engaged three times before—before I came along, and last night at the club dance I overheard two fellows speculating on how long it would be until you discovered that you didn't love me. I couldn't bear the thought I didn't sleep a wink all night, and this morning I went over to your house to test you—I would have died if anything had happened to keep us from living in this house of our dreams—I couldn't play this afternoon—I just watched your parasol, and when it disappeared I threw away my racket and came running—hoping—oh, girl, you'll never know how much I have suffered today—"

"Oh, yes, I will," said Anne contritely. "I suffered, too, but I deserved it. I did promise to marry those other men, but I never even put on their rings—I was honest with you. I don't know why girls do such things. They're just flat tares—"

"Let's forget it!" begged Bob heartily. For he had tested Anne and found her true.

England boasts 15,000 amateur soccer teams and 500 professional clubs.

Freckle-face

Sun and Wind Bring Out Ugly Spots. How to Remove Easily.

Here's a chance, Miss Freckle-face to try a remedy for freckles with the guarantee of a reliable concern that it will not cost you a penny unless it removes the freckles; while if it does give you a clear complexion the expense is trifling.

Simply get an ounce of Othine—double strength—from any drugist and a few applications should show you how easy it is to rid yourself of the homely freckles and get a beautiful complexion. Rarely is more than one ounce needed for the worst case.

Be sure to ask the drugist for the double strength Othine as this strength is sold under guarantee of money back if it fails to remove freckles.

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Good News!

Beginning Tomorrow Night Osgood's
Will Resume Their PopularSATURDAY NIGHT
SALES--6 to 9 p. m.

THIS announcement will surely be taken as "good news" by a great many regular Osgood's patrons and others of our friends who visit us frequently. It indicates our resumption of the weekly sales which proved so popular during three hours only, on Saturday nights, which it would not be possible to offer day in and day out simply because we would not be able to obtain sufficient merchandise to supply the demand. Saturday Night Sale prices—as most women know—are far below other prices for similar articles. It proved true in the past that one would save considerably by attending our Saturday Night Sales and we intend that the same rule shall apply tomorrow night and in the future as well.

Tricolette
BLOUSESWorth More but Will be Sold Saturday
Night For

\$4.95

Practically all of these specially offered Blouses are new, new in styles, colors and very, very new in this price so much lower than their worth. A few handsome, Georgette Blouses are also included. They are worth up to \$10.

"DOLLAR"
HAT SALE

Fifty women will enjoy the benefits of this exceptional bargain—for there are only about fifty hats in the special group to be sold at this tremendous reduction. They are good hats—everyone of them was made by a reputable designer.

Some Were Originally Priced up to
\$15.00—On Sale Saturday Night
Only at

\$1.00

Organdie
Frocks \$19.75Also Georgette and Other Silk Frocks
at the Same Price.

A fine, large assortment selected from our regular lines; made of most excellent materials in styles for late Summer wearing and many of them would do well for Autumn, too. It is difficult to speak highly enough of these Frocks—you must see them to appreciate the unusual character of the bargain.

Many of these Frocks
Were Priced up to \$40.00Osgood's
for
QualityAll the Odds and Ends in Our Dresses display, all coats and all
suits (excepting new Fall arrivals) are now reduced to Half Price

Watchfulness

WATCHFULNESS that only merchandise of approved quality be accepted for selling. Watchfulness that all goods offered is priced consistent with quality. Watchfulness that salespeople are well informed and at all times courteous and obliging to its patrons. These types of Watchfulness are necessary to the success of any store. We strive for that true spirit of Watchfulness here and we find that when we are watchful of things seemingly trivial, we are really watchful of our patron's best interests.

A Truly Inviting
Special Sale ofWASH
SKIRTS

Genuine "Nevershrink"

This unusual offering comes along at a time when lots of women will want another Wash Skirt for Summer activities during the rest of this month and in August. This special sale not only provides the need but provides an exceptional value at a distinct saving in price.

Worth up to \$6.50
Saturday Night Only

\$3.95

For Saturday
Night OnlyVoile & Organdie
Frocks \$10

We have very carefully selected somewhere around thirty of our nicest Summer Frocks which will be sold only during three hours at this very low price. You will find among them Voile and Organdie Frocks originally priced as high as \$25—possibly a few were even higher. They are delightful Summer Frocks.

Many are worth twice
the special Sale Price

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS—(HE NEVER SAW A TYPEWRITER BEFORE.) BY BLOSSER.

